Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Star Spangled Banner became our National Anthem on March 3, 1931, when President Herbert Hoover signed Public Law 823; and,

Whereas, Many millions of Americans cherish and respect the currently accepted version, both words and music of the Star Spangled Banner, such version being the "Service Version" prepared in 1918 by the War Department for use in Army and Navy song books; and,

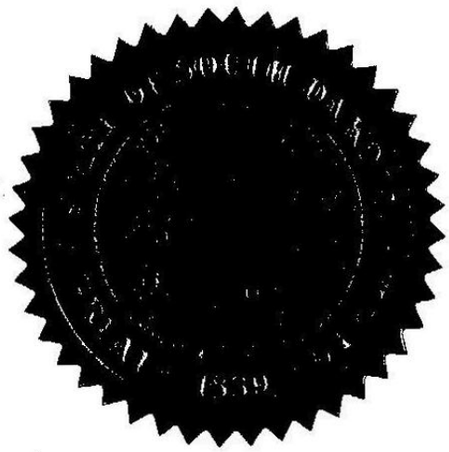
Whereas, Sporting and public events begin with the signing or playing of the National Anthem as a reaffirmation of patriotism and love of country; and,

Whereas, The American Legion has called for establishment of the national day of observance of the Star Spangled Banner that recognizes the origin of our National Anthem:

Now, Therefore, I Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2012, as

STAR SPANGLED BANNER DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State